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CORRECTIVE ACTION SUPPLEMENTING THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

1. Inventions Group 4 and Group 1 are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because it does not require the sampling tube to be configured to enable fluid communication between the sensing element and an environment external to the outer shield. For instance in Group 4 the substrate could be interior to the outer shield. The subcombination has separate utility such as use in other than an exhaust treatment device or without requiring the use of a substrate.

The examiner has required restriction between combination and subcombination inventions. Where applicant elects a subcombination, and claims thereto are subsequently found allowable, any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable subcombination will be examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. See MPEP § 821.04(a). Applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

2. The Groups are as identified in the earlier mailed remainder of the restriction requirement. This action was made because the relation between Groups 1 and 4 was inadvertently omitted from the remainder of the restriction requirement. The error is regretted. The 1 month shortened statutory response period will be restarted to run from the mailing date of this action.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Noland whose telephone number is (571) 272-2202. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Hezron E. Williams, can be reached on (571) 272-2208.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to 2800 Customer Service at (571) 272-2815.

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